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Five Arkansas Schools Named 2015 National Blue Ribbon Schools

LITTLE ROCK — Four Arkansas public schools and one private school were named 2015 National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education.

Public schools recognized:

- Mount Pleasant Elementary School in the Melbourne School District
- Park Magnet School in the Hot Springs School District
- Valley View Junior High School in the Valley View School District
- Vandergriff Elementary School in the Fayetteville School District

Private school recognized:

- St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Rogers, part of the Diocese of Little Rock school system

These five schools received the Exemplary High Performing School designation and were among 335 schools nationally that were designated as National Blue Ribbon Schools. The program recognizes public and private schools for high academic achievement or noteworthy progress toward closing the achievement gap.

“I am extremely proud of the schools that received this year’s designation,” Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key said. “These schools are great examples of strong leadership and teacher excellence that leads to high student achievement.”

To learn more about past Arkansas recipients, go to <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/public-school-accountability/federal-programs/national-blue-ribbon-schools>. To see the national press release, go to <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-education-secretary-arne-duncan-announces-2015-national-blue-ribbon-schools>.

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